

# Is Your Grass Green?

## 4 easy ways to get a great-looking lawn while protecting the environment

**SON** — Apply fertilizer to cool-season grasses in September, October, and November. Autumn is the best time of year for these grasses to make the most of fertilizer, building a healthy and attractive lawn.

**Know what you have, know what you need.** How big is your lawn? How fertile is your soil? Measuring lawn areas and testing the soil will tell you how much and what type of fertilizer your lawn needs.

**Keep it on the grass, not down the drain.** Sweep or blow fertilizer from pavement back onto your lawn to make the most of your fertilizer purchase, while preventing fertilizer from washing directly into storm drains and polluting waterways.

**Free fertilizer!** Leave your clippings on the lawn each time you mow — a season of clippings provides nutrients equal to one fertilizer application. Mulch your clippings into the lawn to save time and money and keep organic waste out of landfills.

*For more information, contact Chesterfield County Cooperative Extension at (804) 751-4401.*



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